4. Agreement on Waiver of visa requirements for holders of diplomatic, service and official passports.

5. Exchange Programme on Cooperation in the field of Education.

6. Exchange Programme on Cooperation in the field of Culture.

(d) These agreements would provide a framework for consolidation of bilateral cooperation in the specified sector.

(e) and (f) Yes. Prime Minister Sharon visited India in response to an invitation extended by Hon'ble Prime Minister on February 4, 2003.

Sale of Indian property in Karachi by Pak authority

264. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a posh property belonging to Indian High Commission in Karachi has been fraudulently disposed off without the knowledge of Indian High Commission;

(b) whether the Government of Pakistan has ordered a probe into this illegal sale on a complaint lodged by India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the disputed property has been acquired by a Pakistani sugar baron for Rs. 40.00 million; and

(d) the details of the probe conducted by Pak law enforcement agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) The Government of India property at 63 Clifton, Karachi, was illegally encroached upon, and the trespasser had reportedly cut down trees and initiated some works on the premises.

The matter of encroachment was immediately taken up with the Government of Pakistan through Pakistan Foreign Office in Islamabad on October 8, 2003 and Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi on October 8 and 13, 2003. A FIR on criminal trespass was also registered in Karachi. Pakistan Government had informed on October 18, 2003 that the encroachment of the property had

been removed, and security guards posted to avoid recurrence of trespassing in the future. This matter has also become the subject of a court case.

Deployment of Indian forces in Iraq

265. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US. has revived its request for deployment of Indian forces in Iraq; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-EU Summit

266. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-EU Summit was recently held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the issues discussed at the meet; and

(c) the details of the decisions taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Fourth India-EU Summit was held on 29th November, 2003 in New Delhi. At the Summit level talks, there was a review of bilateral relations; both political and economic. Both sides exchanged views on regional and international developments of mutual concern.

(c) At the Summit the Joint Press Statement was adopted, the Financing Agreement for Trade and Investment Development Programme was signed and the Customs Cooperation Agreement was initiated.

Joint Indo-Turkey Working Group Against Terrorism

267. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement with Turkey was held to set up a joint working group against terrorism;